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AMENDMENT under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2007, please enter this Amendment to the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request that this amendment after final rejection be entered and considered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 (b) for the reasons set forth below in the Remarks. The Amendment is as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.